

Notice of Allowability	Application No. 10/617,960 Examiner Tawfik Goma	Applicant(s) HUANG, J.Y. Art Unit 2653
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1. This communication is responsive to Application filed on 7/12/2003.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are _____.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
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 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

Priority

Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in Taiwan on May 14, 2003. It is noted, however, that applicant has not filed a certified copy of the Taiwanese application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1-7 are allowed over the prior art of record because the prior art of record including closest U.S. Patents Liu (6535462) and Kikuchi (6898165), considered in combination or individually, fail to suggest or fairly teach a digital audio signal playback apparatus and scratch effect control device including a combination of first and second encoder discs and corresponding first and second optical pick-up devices wherein a control unit controls output of the digital audio data in accordance with the first and second control signals from the first and second pick-up devices in order to impart a scratch effect on the digital audio data.

Kikuchi (US Patent 6898165) discloses a reproducing apparatus capable of changing a reproduction speed in accordance with a scratch operation. Kikuchi does not disclose first and second pickup and encoding discs for controlling the scratch operation as claimed in claims 1 and 6.

Liu (US Patent 6535462) discloses digital sound broadcaster with a control faceplate for controlling the rotating speed and direction of a turntable. Liu further discloses a pickup proceeding motor and a laser pickup. Liu fails to disclose two pickup

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devices and two encoder discs for creating a scratch effect using a control signal from both pickup devices.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Kent et al (US PGPUB 2003/0029305) disclose a system for converting turntable motion to midi data. Sergers (US Patent 6541690) discloses a scratch effect controller using a rotary encoder. Luciano et al (US Patent 5763874) disclose an incremental optical encoder for a detector device including four light detectors. Turk (US Patent 5569912) disclose a device for measuring the angular velocity of a rotating object using patterns on a disc.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tawfik Goma whose telephone number is (571) 272-4206. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Korzuch can be reached on (571) 272-7589. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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